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Morth bank. Several semiunderground shelters were on the western edge of the training area. Six trucks were parked opposite the location of the 10 pontoons. Further downstream, there were six 37-mm AA guns emplaced at about 20 meter intervals in a semicircle. Several watchtowers which were occupied were seen near the emplacements. A target range, about 100 meters long, was east of the emplacement. No firing practice was observed.

4. The chief of the HO in Zehdenick said that the Soviet troops in the Templin training area were from Grantenburg, Eberswalde and Brenzlau, because he recognized officers who were making purchases as having been there in 1950 and he had also met them in the aforementioned towns. The German laborers employed with the troops at the training grounds had been brought from the respective military posts. The general who inspected the units at Templin at the beginning of June had been previously seen in Eberswall by the chief of HO. The informant further said that, contrary to practice in 1950, the selling of alcoholic beverages to Soviet troops was strictly forbidden this year. Source believed that the troops were engaged in night practice between 10 and 18 June, as no troops were seen training during the day but gunfire was heard at night.

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Comment. The area described by source cover the entire Templin training grounds. Source's opinion, that the southern section of the training area is the billeting area and the northern section is the practice area, is correct. Provious reports mentioned Camp "ammelspring which extends as far as Kannenberg, and Camp Vogelsang which extends north of the Vogelsang-Burgwall railroad line between the localities and Burgwall and as far as the "avel River. It is fairly definitely belived that Camp Vogelsang is identical with Camp Burgwall which has been reported on by

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The headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army there are probably quartered throughout the billeting area. The captive balloons mentioned in the present report were probably used for directing artillery firing practice.

The broken line outlines the restricted training area.

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Source did not indicate the quartering area within the training area since he did not know the exact boundaries.

Comment. These rail movements are reported for the first time. There were 700 to 800 troops, who either went on furlough and/or were dischargees, and 300 to 400 recruits.

Comment. Source's trip was made from west to east, first going past Camp Vogelsang and, then, northwards into the training area. The buildings and quarters observed belong to Camp Vogelsang. The engineer equipment is believed to belong either to the 194th Engr Bn of the 25th Tank Div or to the 3d Engr Regt (?) of the Fourth Gds Necz Army. The motorboats seen by

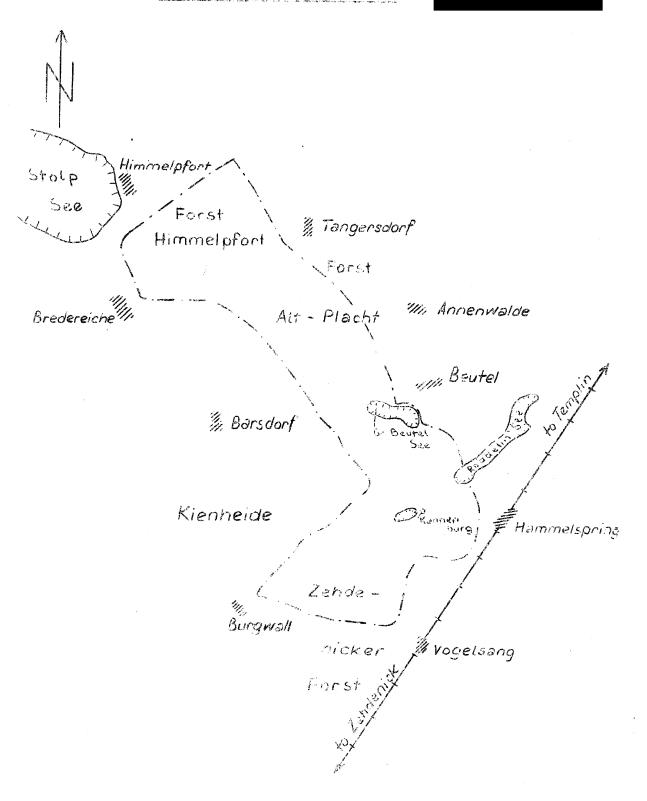
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Vogelsang are believed to make their purchases in Zendentek, source's information on the home stations of the troops is given credence. The general mentioned in the present report is probably the commanding general of the Fourth Gds "ecz Arty, whose headquarters is located in Eberswelde.

1 Annex: One sketch on ditto.

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Templin Troop Training Grounds



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